

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**The Final Rejection**

In the above-mentioned Final Rejection, claims 19, 21-26, 29, 44, 47-48, 50, 52, 54-55, 65, 67, 69, 71-73, 75, 77, 79-81, 84-85, 87-89, 92, 95-100, 102-108, 110-113 and 115-133 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,149,518 (Farrow); and claims 27, 28, 49, 56-64, 66, 68, 70, 74, 78, 86, 91, 93, 101, 109 and 114 were rejected as being unpatentable over Farrow.

In response to the above-mentioned Final Rejection, claims 19-133 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 134-223 have been added.

Interview Summary

The below-signed counsel for Applicant and Applicant's technical representative, Dr. Ron Ugolick, thank Examiner Ahmad for the courtesies extended to them during their personal interview of March 21, 2007. During that interview the Examiner agreed that the following invention was patentable over Farrow:

A label sheet construction which includes a liner sheet and a facestock sheet adhered to the liner sheet. One or more weakened line segments are in a label-free waste portion of the facestock sheet. The one or more weakened line segments lie in a line which extends straight from one edge of the facestock sheet to another edge and passes through the label. The line in the label is free of weakened facestock-sheet line segments. The line defines fold line such that when the label sheet construction is folded back on the fold line a portion of the label releases from the liner sheet to a label-portion graspable position.

The new claims herein have been rewritten as discussed during the interview to remove the negative language. A commercial embodiment corresponding to FIG. 1 was demonstrated to the Examiner by Dr. Ugolick at the interview.

Brief Discussion of the Patentability of New Claims

Independent claims 134, 148, 162, 174, 185, 198 and 212 are old claims 19, 57, 65, 65, 75, 125 and 125, respectively, amended and rewritten as new claims. Each of the new independent claims is patentable over Farrow because the line (or lines), as claimed in these claims, do not include any weakened line segments along the portion(s) thereof passing through the label(s). In some of the claims herein, the "line" is called a "defining line" to further differentiate over other uses of "line" in the claims. This line provides the structural relationship as set forth in the last paragraph of each of the claims, and as can be understood from FIGS. 4-6 of this application.

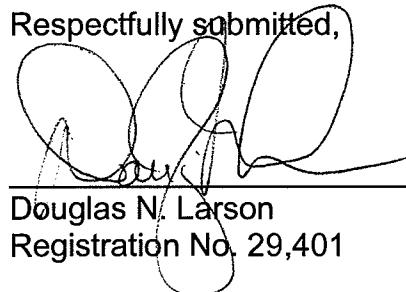
Concluding Remarks

Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that all of the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is thus in order.

If there are any remaining issues, Examiner Ahmad is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicants at (310) 785-5384 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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